

By the Numbers

Key Library Activities



482,436
Visitors to the library



613,546
Items circulated



54,431
Program attendance



72,020
Library card holders



7,899
Passport applications processed



3,037
English language learners served



614
Digital Navigator appointments



518
Bookmobile visits

FERGUSON LIBRARY

FY 2025-2026

City of Stamford

Presentation



Our Mission

Provide free and equal access to information, ideas, books and technology to educate, engage and enrich the Stamford community.

Our Vision

The Ferguson Library helps individuals and organizations achieve success in an effort to build a strong, vibrant and inclusive community.

Our Foundational Principles

Intellectual Freedom and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Underlying the Ferguson Library's mission and vision is our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as the belief that intellectual freedom is the cornerstone of our democracy. Our values are reflected in how we serve the community and how we work together.

The library is not only a book sanctuary but a sanctuary for people who have few safe spaces in their lives.

Books & More.....

Besides books, people increasingly come to the library to participate in activities or learn new skills. Our **maker programs**, such as the sewing classes are hugely popular.

We host many **author programs** throughout the year including a new **Pulitzer Prize-winner series**.

We offer a number of individualized services at the library. **Book-a-Librarian** for an hour to help with anything from resume assistance to genealogy research, **Digital Navigator** for technical assistance and free **Notary Services**.



"My family has strong ties to Ferguson Library and spending time there was a large part of my childhood."
—Barbara Wilcov



"This is maybe the best library I found in Connecticut."
—Rolando Castro Melendez



"Thank you for creating engaging and relevant programs that build a sense of community at the Ferguson Library."
—Sheldon Ayers



Supporting

Online Resources

Homework Help (Tutor.com)—also available in Spanish

Tumble Books e-books for kids—available for in-school use

E-books available in multiple languages

Scholastic Go!

The Shelf for Spanish language streaming

Download and stream e-books, audiobooks, movies, comic books, TV shows and magazines with Hoopla, Overdrive, and Kanopy

Summer Reading

Birth to entering 5th grade

Summer reading is for adults too

Teens have a separate club. Book bingo, reading challenges throughout the summer



Stamford Public Schools

EXCELLENCE IS THE POINT.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

A nationwide challenge encouraging parents and caregivers to read aloud to children. This can help children develop essential early literacy skills, close the vocabulary gap and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Service to Educators

- Teacher Cards & Units
 - Customized package of materials on a specific subject for all grades
 - Learning Kits to Go – books, puppets and supplemental activities
- Purple Bus Visits
 - Programs available for elementary students 3 days per week
 - Program available upon request for middle and high school students



Student Stamford Public Schools ID is the library card number

Reserve books from the Ferguson and get them delivered to the school

Easy to use eBook collection: available in schools online catalog



STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LINKED LIBRARIES
THE FERGUSON LIBRARY
BRINGING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO OUR SCHOOLS

Kids can use their student ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don't have a Ferguson Library card.

For access, enter 2111800+ student ID number (no spaces).

If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, let us know by visiting fergusonlibrary.org/form/linked-libraries-contact-us-form.

For more information, email linkedlibraries@fergusonlibrary.org.

Library Tours for Adult Education

ADULT EDUCATION LIBRARY TOURS INCLUDE:

- How to get a library card
- Library loan policies
- Types of library materials and location
- How to use the library catalog
- Overview of digital library and e-content
- Overview of ESL, Citizenship, and World Language collections
- Overview of Multicultural Page
- Library program offerings
- Overview of Education in the US
- ABR collection and how it is structured
- Makerspace
- Museum passes
- How to get a library card
- Library loan policies

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS

- Resume Writing 101 - Adults, YA
- Keyword Resumes
- Interviewing (In-Person, Virtual)- Adults, YA
- Time Management
- Career Planning
- LinkedIn
- Remote Work Productivity
- Introducing Vet Now

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

- MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Coding (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
- Website Design (Templates)

TRAINING/CERTIFICATION COURSES

- Health Careers with The WorkPlace
- CNA Training Program
- Trainings & Apprenticeships
- Summer Earn and Learn

CAREERS/JOB SEARCH



EDUCATION/CONTINUING EDUCATION

- FAFSA 1-on-1 Assistance
- Student Loans
- Financial Literacy for Families
- Youth Employment Opportunities w/ The WorkPlace

FINANCIAL LITERACY

- Budgeting 101
- Budgeting Methods
- Concept of Credit
- Credit Reports
- Budgeting for College Bound or Continuing Education Students (C2C)
- Estate Planning

SMALL BUSINESS

- Small Business Loans [Stamford Bank and Trust]
- Entrepreneurs-in-Residence

EDUCATION/CONTINUING EDUCATION & FINANCIAL LITERACY



PARTNERS

- Goodwill Careers
- Nuvance Health
- Synchrony Skills Academy
- Cradle to Career
- Connecticut Department of Labor - Veterans'
- The WorkPlace
- Career ConneCT
- Wells Fargo
- Just In Case Estates
- Junior Achievement
- CONTACC Inc.
- Wealth Advisor
- SCORE
- CTSBDC

PARTNERS



Overview of Library Tours



Partnership/Collaborations



CITY OF STAMFORD



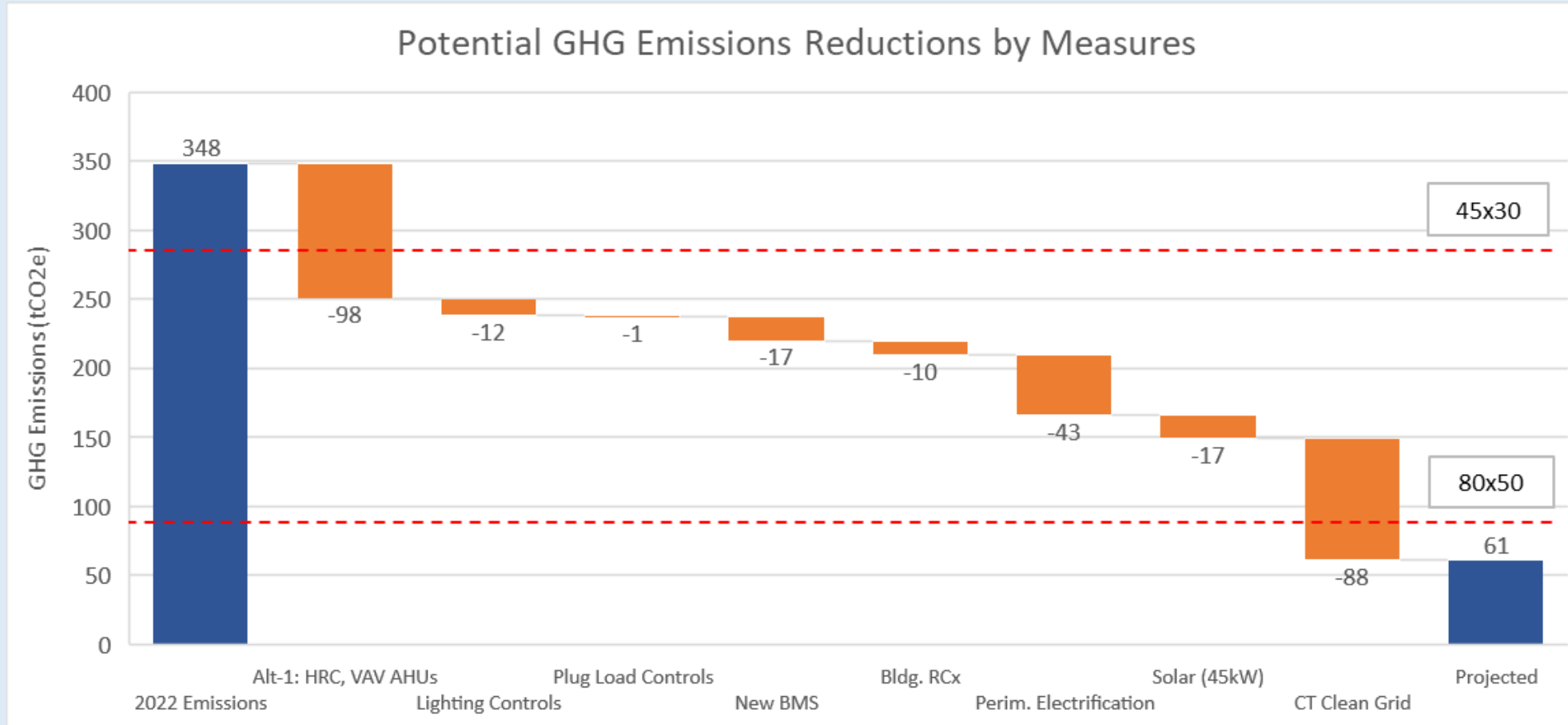
TechXel Stamford
Fairfield County's First Enterprise Accelerator



access health CT



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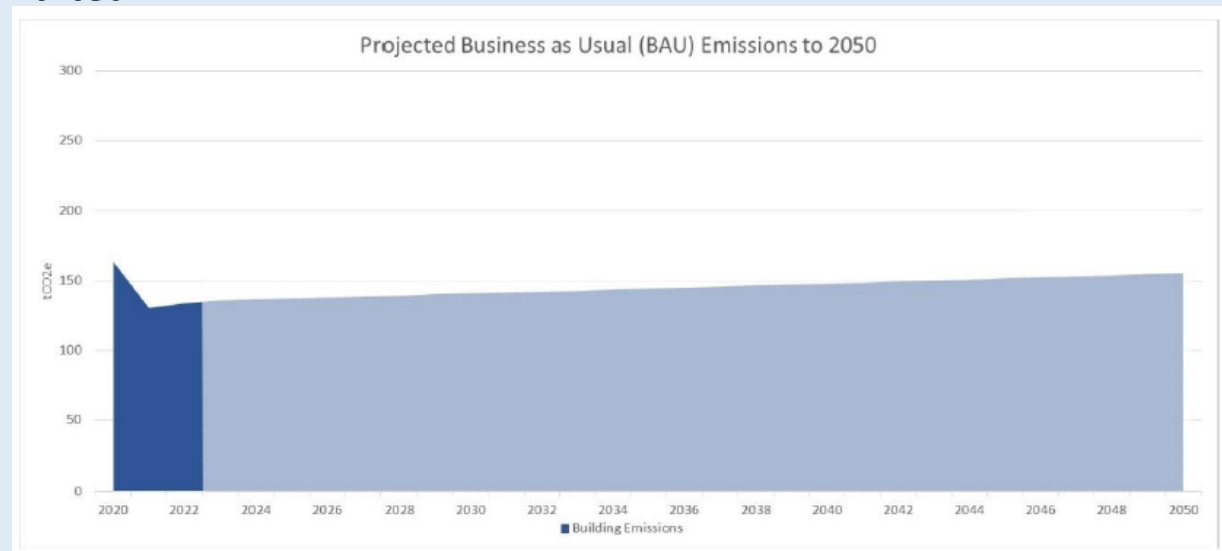
For full report: [Main Library: Energy Audit and Decarbonization Report | PDF to Flipbook](#)

Energy Audit and Decarbonization Report for 115 Vine Road by Legacy Engineers

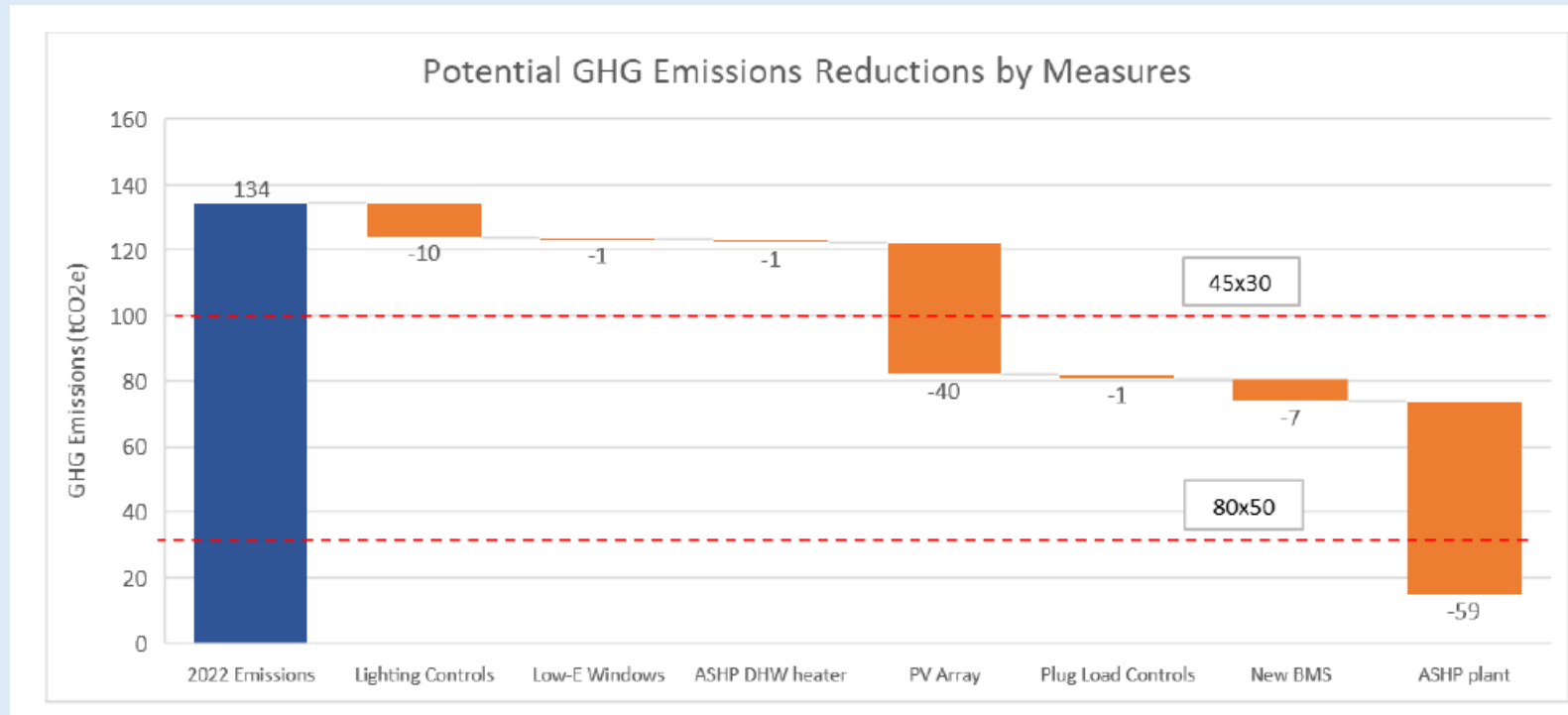
Current HVAC System at Harry Bennett Branch

The supply air system consists of four (4) AHUs that provide ventilation, heating, and air conditioning to all spaces: main large open space, meeting room, children's reading room, workroom and office adjacent to the workroom. All equipment is at end-of-life.

- A constant yearly utility consumption escalation for all fuels.
- Increase of temperature due to climate change.
- Equipment inefficiencies due to normal wear and tear.



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East Side Branch

The Ferguson Library intends to provide a new library branch on the East Side. To date, the library has secured a \$3M federal earmark through Congressman Jim Himes for this project. The request is for \$350,000 of city funding for a consultant and architect to develop designs for park improvements, expanded recreational programming and the creation of a much-needed East Side library branch at Courtland Avenue Park. The library will lead the design and construction effort for the 5-6,000 square foot facility.

Technology Upgrades



Libraries are turning to Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to improve the speed and accuracy of circulation and shelving functions, thereby freeing library staff to provide direct service to users. It also helps protect library collections and ensures the community gets the most value out of its library. Installing an RFID system requires an investment, which is usually recouped within two years. The benefits of the system can last for a decade or more.

The current RFID system is outdated, and all the branches need to be upgraded.

